

BOTH CLAIMING AN ADVANTAGE

Reliable News of the Series of Battles in Poland Is Unobtainable.

CAMPAIGN WILL BE LONG ONE

Decisive Result in Immediate Future Does Not Seem Possible—Germans Tell of Capture of Many Prisoners—Fighting Along the Yser Continues.

London, Dec. 5.—There is still lacking reliable news of the progress of the battle in Poland, which continues to monopolize interest. Both the German and Russian reports claim the advantage.

The most important factor, from the allies' point of view, is that the German advance on Warsaw seemingly has not succeeded in its object, nor has it had the effect of diverting the Russians from their forward movement through the Carpathians and on to the plains of Hungary, or against the fortress of Cracow, around which they are drawing a closer ring of men and artillery.

Long Campaign Is Expected.

Taking into consideration the case of Przemyśl, which has held out so long against the Russian attacks, military men do not look for the early fall of Cracow and are rather inclined to believe that the armies of Emperor Nicholas will endeavor to keep the large Austrian force inside the fortress and enter Silesia from the southeast.

In a dispatch from Petrograd, the correspondent of the Central News says:

"The battle of Lodz has ended in success for the Russian troops, according to the Bourse Gazette, which adds that great numbers of German prisoners, cannon and machine guns are being brought into Lodz."

Russian Official Statement.

Petrograd, Dec. 5.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian commander in chief was issued tonight:

"On the left bank of the Vistula on December 3 there was some fierce fighting on the front of Głowno-Lowicz and also on the western roads toward Lodz and Piotrków."

"On the other fronts there were no essential modifications in the lines." Newspapers here are beginning to print numerous fragmentary accounts derived from wounded soldiers concerning recent fighting in Poland. The general impression from all sides is that the fighting between the Vistula and Warthe rivers has been incomparably more severe than anything experienced before during this war on any front.

The character of the fighting also compelled the Germans to rely on their manhood instead of their machinery, yet they still persist in their massed formations against rifle, machine, or bayonet. Their losses have been appalling. Experienced experts estimate that the Germans have lost two-thirds of their army in Poland.

Assert Russian Check.

London, Dec. 4.—The German forces in Poland have turned and are now taking the offensive against the Russians on a new front.

While both official reports indicate that the fighting in this war area is quieting down, there are persistent unofficial reports that the great battle, still undecided, is progressing bitterly.

That the Russian check is complete is admitted by persons who are in touch with military authorities.

Germans Take 80,000 Prisoners.

The Germans assert that in the recent maneuvers they have captured 80,000 unwounded prisoners.

In the face of these claims by the Germans the Russians insist, in a statement issued through Rome, that their captures greatly exceed this number.

All agree that the losses on both sides have been heavy.

It became known here early this morning that the Russian failure to surround and decisively defeat the Germans at Lodz was caused by the tardiness of General Rennenkampf, the Russian cavalry leader. He was two days late, reports say.

As a result of not arriving on time the general has been relieved of his command by a Petrograd dispatch says.

Tardiness Make Coup Fail.

The failure of the Russian coup is described by the Petrograd correspondent of the London Post as follows:

"General Rennenkampf, whose late arrival with his army at the appointed place robbed the strategic scheme of the grand duke of its complete success a week ago, has been superseded in his command."

"Owing to this army coming into position a couple of days after the time set the ring of steel which should have hemmed in the German armies entirely could not be closed, with the result that a week of heavy fighting, with the hurrying up of large reinforcements by the Germans, followed."

Germans Turn on Czar's Men.

The Germans, re-enforced, attacked the Russian left on Sunday. The attack was continued with great determination on Monday, the fighting occupying the entire day. The Russians were prepared for this outflanking movement on their left.

"On Sunday these new German

forces crossed the Warthe river at Sieradz, where two bridges carrying the railway line and highway facilitated the crossing, and advanced by rail and road toward Lask. The Russians did not oppose their advance until they had reached a convenient locality south of Sieradz, where the River Warthe has a sharp bend.

Good Roads Aid Russians.

"From Lask, which is cut by the railway, run also a half-dozen good highways, three in the direction of Fawitz, to the northwest, west and southwest. They served the Russians admirably, giving them the advantage of interior lines, while the Germans had only the railway embankment."

"The vanguard of the Russian forces met and stopped the advance on Monday, fighting stubbornly the whole day, while other troops were brought up by road and rail to cope with the new direction of the German attack."

"When the fighting was over for the day the Germans remained in occupation of Szezerow. On Monday the Russians cleared them out and then discovered that among the forces holding this neighborhood was a brigade of Prussian guards with five batteries. Szezerow is now occupied by the Russians. The German attack in enormous strength upon the Russian left has thus failed."

"The Russian center is still occupied in hammering the surrounded corps into surrender by heavy cannonading, which has already continued for a couple of days."

Petrograd Report.

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—General von Hindenburg is still striving his utmost to retrieve the situation in Russian Poland by greatly strengthening his forces across the southern end of the German position. It is believed he has brought six corps, aggregating 200,000 men, into the 50-mile gap from Sieradz downward to Czenstochowa, each corps extending about eight miles.

These corps must contain a large admixture of Austrians, as the narrow gauge German railway line to Kalisz can throw only about eight thousand men daily upon the frontier. It has been working at full capacity for a fortnight, but the great bulk of German troops from the west was brought on the broad gauge railway line to Pleschen. Thence they marched 20 miles to the frontier, with six days of heavy marching across a trackless country before reaching the Warthe river. These are the only two sources comparatively open for the movement of substantial reinforcements.

AGAIN FAIL TO CROSS YSER

German Attempt Reported Repulsed by the Allies After Most Severe Fighting.

London, Dec. 4.—Another desperate attempt of the Germans to break through the allies' lines from Duxmude to Ypres has failed.

With the weather moderated, the Germans, heavily re-enforced, yesterday attempted to cross the flooded waters of the Yser on rafts.

They selected a time just before dawn to make the venture. The rafts were pushed through the shallow water in dead silence and utter darkness. Each raft carried from fifty to sixty men and mitrailleuses. A further fleet of rafts drawn by motor boats was waiting on the German side of the muddy waters, but before dawn they were discovered and at daybreak the artillery of the allies met the advancing Germans with devastating effect.

Germans Give Up Attempt.

Despite their losses the Germans bravely essayed the crossing, partially covered by a cannonade of their field artillery, and until midday persisted in their plans.

Several of the rafts were upset in midstream by the French guns and great numbers of Germans were drowned as well as shot. The attempt to cross eventually was given up, but the artillery kept up a determined bombardment of the allied positions and met with a vigorous reply.

The Germans have withdrawn their heavy artillery on account of the muddy country and brought up a new weapon, which is exceedingly well adapted to the changed nature of the warfare.

Numbers of light guns with a range of seven kilometers have been mounted on motor lorries, which have been fitted with large springs, which are arranged in a manner to keep the gun steady while it is being fired and to break the recoil.

The guns may be moved speedily on roads which would be impassable to heavier ones.

German Statement Brief.

Berlin, via wireless to London, Dec. 3.—Today's official statement was limited to the following brief announcement:

"In neither theater of the war has anything of importance happened."

German Air Losses Heavy.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Computing the German aerial losses as near as possible it is figured that the Germans have lost seven Zeppelins and 52 aeroplanes, with 68 officers, and at present the Germans do not possess more than 26 airships and 287 aeroplanes all told.

France Calls 300,000 Boys.

Bordeaux, via Paris, Dec. 4.—The 300,000 youths of eighteen years in France who normally would begin service in the army in October of 1916, are by government decree to be called to present themselves for examination beginning December 20. These youths probably will be sent to the fighting lines next July.

JANITOR HELD FOR MURDER OF CHILD

SUSPECT WAS IN PRISON FIVE TIMES AND TWICE IN INSANE ASYLUM.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE FOUND

Prisoner, Who Reported Murder of Girl in Belfry of Church, Exhibits No Emotion When Accused of Crime.

Sacramento, Cal.—David Fountain, janitor of the church in which the body of the murdered 10-year-old school girl, Margaret Milling, was found, told the police that he had spent a year and a half in an Iowa insane asylum, and had served five terms in Pennsylvania and Iowa prisons for burglary and safe robbery.

Fountain, who reported the crime, was arrested. When first taken into custody he talked volubly, but under a siege of vigorous questioning by the police and district attorney he was taciturn and sullen.

He was led to the little room under the belfry of the church, where the murder is believed to have been committed and where the floor still bears traces of the tragedy. He exhibited no emotion.

Fountain exhibited a trace of dismay when several bloodspots were pointed out on his trousers. He said he had killed a chicken, but Paul Oehler, son of the pastor, asserted that Fountain had killed a turkey Thanksgiving Day and that blood was spattered on his clothes.

Lodz Taken by Germans.

London.—An official telegram from main headquarters received at Berlin and transmitted by way of Amsterdam to Reuters' Telegram Company says that Lodz was occupied by the German troops, the Russians beating a retreat after severe losses.

Lodz, the second city of Poland and lying 75 miles to the west-southwest of Warsaw, has long been an objective point of the German army.

Roumania to Enter War.

Geneva, via London.—The Journal de Geneve publishes a dispatch from Bucharest, which says that Roumania has definitely decided to enter the war on the side of the allies. This decision, according to the dispatch, is in accordance with the wish of the entire country, including King Ferdinand and all the Roumanian statesmen.

Siam Royalty Visits New York. New York.—Prince and Princess Kamphengphet of Siam, who are making a tour of the world in the interest of education, arrived in New York on board the steamship Minotok from London, and will spend several days here.

Plans Aid for Unemployed. Philadelphia.—Steps are under way here by the city council's special relief committee to have \$50,000 appropriated for the relief of unemployed who may be in need.

King Decorates Gen. French. London.—During his visit to France King George conferred the order of Merit on Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the continent.

Copenhagen.—The ninety-first official German casualty list brings the losses in killed, wounded and missing up to 658,485.

\$150,000 Fire at Birmingham. Birmingham, Ala.—Fire destroyed the plant of the Southern Sewer Pipe Company at North Birmingham. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Texas Sowing Wheat. Temple, Tex.—Ten carloads of wheat for seed has been sold in this section as compared with the usual average of three cars.

Korea Forbids Opium Smoking. Seoul, Korea.—The government has suppressed the opium monopoly and put a ban on the smoking of opium. These steps of the government were advocated by American missionaries.

Disease Under Control. Washington.—Officials of the department of agriculture believe the foot and mouth disease among cattle will be completely under control by January 1.

Jimenez Heads San Domingo. Santo Domingo.—Juan Isidro Jimenez was proclaimed president of San Domingo by congress and took oath of office. The situation is quiet.

To Bar War Sales to Europe. Washington.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska will introduce in the senate a bill prohibiting the sale of arms and explosives by American firms to the belligerent powers. Foodstuffs and clothing will be exempted by the bill.

Swedes Want U. S. Coal. London.—The Swedish state railways have invited tenders from the United States for 130,000 tons of coal, according to a Stockholm dispatch to the Morning Post.

LIEUT. GOV. AND 12 OFFICIALS INDICTED

INDIANA GRAND JURY CHARGES FRAUD IN SIGNING PAY WARRANTS.

34 COUNTS IN INDICTMENTS

Salaries in Excess of Amount Fixed By Law Said to Have Been Paid—Speaker of House Among Men Charged.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Lieut. Gov. William P. O'Neill, Homer L. Cook, speaker of the house of the 1913 legislature, who recently took office as secretary of state and other officers and members of the patronage committee of the 1913 legislature were indicted by the Marion county grand jury. The indictments charge that the officials signed warrants for pay for employees in excess of the amounts fixed by law and for more employees than provided for in the statutes.

Others indicted were Mason J. Nublack of Vincennes, minute clerk and parliamentary officer of the 1913 house; Levi R. Harlin, chief doorkeeper of the state senate; Douglas Bolser, Newcastle, principal doorkeeper of the house; John J. Keegan, Indianapolis, representative; George W. Sands, South Bend, representative; Samuel N. Quillian, Indianapolis, principal clerk of the house of representatives; George M. Rabb, assistant secretary of the senate; Paul C. Hill, Greencastle, assistant clerk of the house; Wade H. Free, Anderson, secretary of the senate; and George Stelhorn, Indianapolis, engrossing clerk of the house.

Thirty-four counts are contained in the indictments. All of the indictments alleged that the men named presented or signed false claims, which were paid out of the legislative funds. In only one case is the man named in the indictment said to have received the money for which the alleged false claims were presented. Stelhorn is the exception. All of the money alleged to have been illegally obtained from the legislative funds was paid to doorkeepers, clerks and stenographers.

Public Lands to Be Opened.

Washington.—Orders were issued by Secretary Lane opening to homestead more than 500,000 acres of public lands, which have been determined to be nonirrigable. After Jan. 11, 1915, the lands, which are in Oregon, Montana and New Mexico, may be taken up in 320 acres each under the enlarged homestead act.

Knox Thaw's Lawyer.

Washington.—Phyllander C. Knox, former secretary of state, appeared in the supreme court as an attorney for Harry K. Thaw, by filing a brief in behalf of the celebrated defendant. In opposition to the state of New York's proposal to extradite Thaw from New Hampshire.

Christians Flee Turkey.

Washington.—Christian refugees are fleeing in large numbers from the interior of Turkey to coast cities since the proclamation of a holy war by the Sheikh Ul Islam, head of the Moslem church, Ambassador Morgenthau cabled the state department from Constantinople.

Oil Confiscated for Army.

Venice, Italy.—The Austrian government has confiscated the entire output of oil in Austria-Hungary. Refiners have been forbidden to supply oil to the trade. The stocks in the hands of dealers will be exhausted within ten days, it is said.

Emden Has Successor.

New York.—The German cruiser Karlsruhe, which is now the most famous sea raider since the Emden has been destroyed is headed for the North Atlantic, according to passengers of the United Fruit steamer Zaca, arriving here from South American ports.

War Spoils Lobster Market.

Ottawa, Ontario.—War has spoiled the lobster market, Canadian canners assert, and they have asked the government to suspend licenses for a year so that they may work off surplus stock and give the fisheries of the Atlantic Coast a rest.

Russia Buys Air Tanks.

New York.—The Russian government has purchased here 50,000 55-gallon airtight steel tanks at a cost of approximately \$250,000, to be used in constructing pontoon bridges.

May Adopt Eastern Time.

Chicago.—The Chicago Association of Commerce has called a meeting of various interests to consider the advisability of changing Chicago time from central to eastern, an hour earlier than the present time.

Republican Committee Has \$17.

Washington.—The Republican national congressional committee has only \$17 on hand, after receiving \$34, 218 in contributions and expending \$52,301 on the recent congressional campaign.

SOMETHING SHE HADN'T GOT

Conductor's Idea Might Have Been All Right in Some Cases, But Hardly in Hers.

"Right away, there!" shouted the conductor, preparing to wave his green flag.

"Ere, get in, there—get in!" he urged to a passenger who was struggling with a door in the middle of the train.

Impatiently the official waited for the passenger to embark, and then, fuming with annoyance, he ran along side the train.

"Hurry up, mum!" he implored of the stout lady struggling to enter a narrow carriage door. "Train's late now. Get in edgeways, missus—get in edgeways!"

Perspiring, flurried and worried she of the large bulge paused in her endeavors and glared backward with indignation.

"Wot if I ain't got no edge?" she snapped.—London Answers.

Bell Rings When Fish Bite.

John Blow, a farmer in Escambia county, Alabama, has devised a new method of catching big fish without consuming his time. For years he has been taking large catfish and trout on trot lines. His home and truck farm are on the Conecuh river banks.

By an alarm device he continues his plowing and other work without danger of his fish escaping when hooked. On the ends of the trot lines he fastens small bells.

When they ring during his work hours or in the night he steps down to the river and pulls in the fish. The device works like a charm and saves much time.—Atlanta Journal.

Red Socks Annoyed the Bull.

A pair of vivid red socks that showed brightly beneath a somber-hued black suit and white shoes he was wearing, nearly caused the death of John Schroyer, a young farmer, when a big Jersey bull, evidently enraged by the sight of the bright colors, attacked and tossed him about its pasture, which he was crossing. Schroyer's cries attracted men in an automobile and they beat the animal off with fence rails. Schroyer suffered three broken ribs and a lacerated face and was nearly scalped.—Kilmer Grove (Pa.) Dispatch to New York World.

Willing to Make a Bargain.

"Don't you want to come home with me and be my little boy?" a childless but childadoring woman playfully asked of a pretty little fellow. "I'd give \$100 for a little boy like you!" The child on her lap considered gravely, then, ignoring the first half of her suggestion, solemnly inquired: "If it's worth a hundred dollars, don't you think one good, big kiss is worth ten cents?"

Can't Be Done.

He was a member of a regimental band, and he did not forget to brag about it.

"Why, man, we can play the most intricate air at sight," he was saying. "Indeed!" said the unbelieving listener. "I should like to hear you play the airs the drum major puts on."

Variable Etiquette.

"Do you always leave a card when you call?"

"No, sometimes it's an umbrella."

Their Place.

"Under what head shall I put your automobile speeding fines, sir?"

"Put 'em under Running Expenses."

Base Suspicion.

It is said that when women get the vote, ballot boxes will button up the back.—Life.

Limitations.

"Is Jinks eccentric?"

"He ain't rich enough; he's just a blamed crank."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Converted. The wife of a university professor was recently converted from utter indifference to suffrage to ardent support of the cause. As the cultured woman was recently coming down town she heard the conversation of two laborers engaged in digging up the street. "What do you think about the question of women votin'?" asked one. "Oh, everybody knows that wimmin ain't got sense enough to vote," answered the other. It was enough for the lady. She is now a suffragist.

More Valuable Than Gold.

The value of the stone production in the United States in 1913 reached the grand total of \$83,722,995, according to E. F. Birchard of the United States geological survey. This is an increase of \$5,539,775, or seven per cent, over the former record-breaking figures of 1912. The value of the granite produced increased eight per cent, that of trap rock nearly 23 per cent, sandstone two per cent, marble one per cent, and limestone over five per cent.

The Pest.

"What sort of a chap is Johnson?"

"Well, if you ever see two men in a corner, and one looks bored to death, the other is Johnson."

Insult.

"How did the fight start, Maginnis?"

"O'Flaherty asked O'Toole to have a glass of orange phosphate."

Not Taking Her From Him.

She—I'm afraid poor pa will miss me when we are married.

He—Why, is your father going away?

If only sensible women were permitted to marry there would probably be more bachelors in the world.

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